Implementation of Labour Laws

1174. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Child Labour is on the rise in Mumbai and Government have taken steps to send back large number of children working in Mumbai, back to their homes; and

(b) whether Government are taking steps to strictly implement the Labour Laws to prevent employment of children in various industries and establishment in Mumbai and other parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) Figures for the child labour in Mumbai for 1991 Census are not available. However, as per the Census 2001, the number of child labour in Mumbai is 5,49,811. A concerted campaign is being carried out in Mumbai City by the State Govt. to rescue child labour engaged in different hazardous occupations in various localities of Mumbai and as a result, 938 children were rescued and subsequently handed over to their parents in the last few months.

(b) Conducting inspections of the various industrial units throughout the country with a view to prevent employers to engage children into work is a regular activity of all the State Governments and wherever employers are found engaging child labour, necessary penal action under the provisions of the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulations) Act, 1986 is taken by the respective State Governments.

Statistics for educated unemployed

†1175. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have worked out any statistics with regard to educated unemployed in the country;

(b) if not, whether Government have any statistics with regard to the ratio of educated and uneducated unemployed persons in the country;

(c) the number of years in which Government propose to provide employment to educated and uneducated unemployed persons conforming to their competency as per the schemes of Government; and

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